REASONS

Humbly Offer'd, for Placing his Highneſs

The Prince of Orange

Singly on the THRONE, during Life.

I. IT will be a clear Aſſertion of the peoples Right, Firm Evidence of a Contract bro-ken, and a ſure preſident to all Ages, when after a moſt Solemn *Debate*, the *Eſtates* of *England* Declare, That the King having *Abdicated* the Government, and the *Throne* thereby Legally Vacant, They think fit to Fill it again with One, who is not Immediate in the Line.

II. It will be a Caution to Succeding Kings of what Fatal Conſequence a general Derogation from the Laws may be, when they find, by this *Inſtance*, the Exerciſe of the Kingly Office in danger, not only with the *Reference* to Themſelves, but precarious to their Family by the Miſ-government. And Generatious to come ſhall praiſe our Conduct, when *Reading* the Hiſtory of this day, it appears we underſtood our Caſe: Had Honor and Honeſty to maintain it, and Wiſdom enough to Tranſmit it perfect to our poſterity.

III. It will be the higheſt Obligation upon the Two *Princeſſes* that can be expected from ſenſible people; when, next to aſſerting our own *Right*, by a Fact (which is abſolutely neceſſary, and above other humane Arguments) They ſee themſelves of Ineſtimable Value with Us, by *Re*continuing the *Line* in *Remainder*; And that their own ſtrict *Adherence* to the *Proteſtant Religion* and *Intereſt*, out-weighs the *Demerits* of their Unhappy Father.

IV. The princeſs of Orange will ſhare in all the Glory of a Crown, without the trouble of it: Eaſy from popiſh *Reflection*, That She ſits in her *Fathers Throne* while he lives. And it concerns the Kingdom, as well as the Princes, to take Care, That ſhe be at Reſt from thoſe Solicitations on the behalf of Papiſts, which under the Countenance of her Father, will perpetually Aſſault her Tender Breaſts: Nor is there any room for the Princes of Denmark to think Her ſelf neglected, the Exchange being attended with many Advantages, ſuch as it would be loſt *Time* to Repeat, they are ſo very Obvious, and likewiſe too many for the Compaſs of this paper.

V. If the Prince of Orange be not King in his own Right, His Intereſt cannot be intirely Ours; For tho his Gallantry be an Aſſurance of Sincerity to Us; yet, if there remain any probability of His returning into Holland, as upon the Death of His Wife, if ſhe only be Soveraign, His *Intereſt* muſt be divided; Nor will it, according to the Art of Government, become the prudence of any Nation to open the Secrets of their policy to One, whom they may be ſo Unfortunate, as to part with into a Country that may poſſible Interfere with Us.

VI. *It* is dangerous to the Governmeet it ſelf, to veſt the Exerciſe of the Soveraignty in Both; For they may differ in *Sentiments* of things, and if there be a poſſibility of Diviſion, it would be an unacconntable Weakneſs, and great Overſight, not to ſecure our ſelves, in ſo important a point.

VII. *It* is Repugnant to grant the Crown to Both, and fix the adminiſtration in one; for the Adminiſtration is an *Incident* inſeparable from the *Soveraignty*. To be a King or Queen, and not to have the Exerciſe of King or Queen, is a Contradiction: a departure from all the Rules that were ever laid down in Government, unleſs in caſe of Perſonal Incapacity; and therefore below a Maſculine way of Reaſoning.

Laſtly. *It* ſupports the noble Maxim. That a neighbouring Nation may take Arms to aſſiſt the Reſcue of a people oppreſſed by Tyranny. And Foreign princes will be apt to look into themſelves, when they hear, by our Example of Gratitude, That they are no longer *Safe* than Juſt to their Subjects.

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